

WHY VOLUNTEER FOR NORTHCOTT?

- To assist our clients to reach their true potential
- To understand your community
- To uncover or offer your skills, talents and expertise
- To make new friends
- To enrich your life and those around you
- To have fun and of course, to make a difference!

WHAT CAN I OFFER NORTHCOTT?

Take a moment and answer these two questions:

- *What am I good at?*
- *What do I like to do?*

Within the answers to these questions lies the guidance towards what you can best offer as a volunteer. The key is matching your strongest skills with something that you like to do.

Northcott is a dynamic organisation offering a breadth of services to our clients and your unique talents are a key element in our diverse approach to providing services. Whatever your strengths, we are confident there are synergistic volunteer opportunities that will draw on your special talents.



HOW OFTEN CAN I VOLUNTEER?

How often you volunteer is up to you! Volunteer commitments include:

- Ongoing commitments
Make a regular commitment
- Short-term commitments
Time limited projects with defined expectations
- Pro-Bono
Offer your professional skills and expertise
- Special Events - one day commitments
- Internships
Placements are available for Occupational Therapy, Speech Pathology, Social Work and Physiotherapy students
- Work experience
Gain experience in your area of study.

To notify us of which areas you are interested in serving as a volunteer and for more information about volunteering for Northcott in your local community, please contact the Volunteer Coordinator on (02) 9890 0100 or email volunteering@northcott.com.au

Volunteering at Northcott Disability Services



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ABOUT NORTHCOTT DISABILITY SERVICES

Northcott Disability Services is an innovative and dynamic organisation that employs more than 400 staff statewide to support more than 6000 people with disabilities and their families throughout NSW and the ACT.

A leading service provider for people with disabilities in NSW, Northcott provides 70 programs from 31 sites and offices across NSW and the ACT.

Northcott staff provide services across a broad range of disabilities including physical, intellectual, sensory and acquired disabilities. Some clients with rare or lesser known disabilities find Northcott to be the only provider of appropriate support and services.

Our purpose is to build an inclusive society by assisting people with disabilities to develop their skills, achieve their goals - including their potential for independence and ability to participate in their community.



VOLUNTEERING AT NORTHCOTT DISABILITY SERVICES

Since the inception of The NSW Society for Crippled Children in 1929, now known as Northcott Disability Services, volunteers have played a vital role in our ability to provide services to children and adults with a disability.

Today, volunteers from across NSW and the ACT continue to play a growing and integral part of the Northcott Disability Services team, promoting a genuinely inclusive society for people with disabilities.

HOW CAN I SERVE AS A VOLUNTEER?

We will work with you to find the perfect place for you to serve as a volunteer. Below are some of the ways you can serve as a volunteer at Northcott Disability Services:

SUPPORT SERVICES VOLUNTEER:

Assist people with disabilities in their home or the community with activities such as companionship, administrative tasks, errands, shopping, medical appointments and social outings. You can also assist with individual or group activities in centre-based respite houses, long-term accommodation locations or with the Out of School Hours (OOSH) program by assisting in various community-based activities, including outings to the beach, movies, shopping, disco nights, barbecues, craft activities and much more.



RECREATION ASSISTANT:

Assist with recreational and leisure group activities for children and adults such as camps, carnivals and community outings to restaurants, movies, bowling, concerts and sporting events.

TEACHERS/TEACHING ASSISTANTS/TUTORS:

Design and conduct classes in your area of expertise (where there is interest) and/or teach a skill one-on-one.

GENERAL SUPPORT:

Assist with clerical and program support with tasks such as data entry, telephone support, mailings, research, special projects, organising equipment and distributing information.

SPECIAL EVENT ASSISTANT:

Assist with pre-event administration, set-up of event, registration and logistic for events such as International Day of People with a Disability, Northcott's Annual Cricket Legends Lunch and Celebrity Doodle Auction. You can also support Spina Bifida Awareness Week (September 1-7) by appearing as the Northcott Spina Bifida Group mascot Spinasaurus (a blue dinosaur) during presentations at local schools.